



Winter

a wonderland of events

Boston

CITY OF BOSTON • THOMAS M. MENINO, MAYOR

November

16 - March 15

ICE SKATING

Frog Pond, Boston Common, Skate Rentals are available, opens 10AM Boston Parks Department, 617.635.2120
Opens November 16, 7PM

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FANEUIL HALL ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Santa will arrive in a horse drawn carriage, 12PM, Holiday Music, Tree Lighting, 6PM,

BELLS OF BOSTON

Bells are back to Jingle, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617.523.1300

BRRR...LET'S GO BIRDING!

Join us for a beginner's birding
Boston Nature Center, 10AM-11:30AM, 617.983.8500

19 & 20

AGA-BOOM

Rooted in a unique style of theatrical clowning
Shubert Theatre, 800.447.7400

22 - January 8

MRS. GARDNER'S 'HOLIDAY TABLE'

The annual display will continue to feature some of Mrs. Gardner's elegant glass and dinnerware.
Gardner Museum, 617.566.1401

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8TH ANNUAL FILENES'S TREE LIGHTING & BELL CHIMING

Free Performances by Boston Symphony Orchestra, Tanglewood Festival Chorus, White Christmas, Boston Ballet's Nutcracker & Santa Downtown Crossing, 1.800-4-EVENT2

TOM HANKS' POLAR EXPRESS

IMAX 3D Theatre, featuring a young boy's ride to the North Pole
Magical 3-D snowflakes
New England Aquarium, 617.973.5200

25 - December 18

A CHRISTMAS CAROL & AMAL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Riverside Theatre
Fairmount Avenue, Hyde Park, 617.361.7024

25 - December 30

THE NUTCRACKER AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Beloved holiday tradition takes place on Christmas Eve, 1835 in a small town in Germany, Featuring the entire Ballet Company and 200 children from the Boston Ballet School, 617.696.6955

25 - December 31

WHITE CHRISTMAS

This year's new holiday spectacular!
Tells the story of two showbiz buddies putting on a show in a Magical Vermont Inn
Wang Theatre, 800.447.7400

25

HANDMADE AND HEART FELT

This exhibit will display extraordinary, hand-crafted items that were given to President Kennedy
JFK Library & Museum, 866.JFK.1960

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MERRY TUBAS

200 Tubas playing your favorite Holiday Songs
Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617.523.1300

27

ANDERSON HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Entertainment, Children's rides & visit from Santa
Hyde Park, 781.446.2999

27, December 2 & 4

MESSIAH

Since 1854 Bostonian's have enjoyed Handel & Haydn Society's Annual performance of this beloved holiday tradition.
Symphony Hall, For tickets call 617.266.3605

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THE NUTCRACKER ORCHESTRA LIVE AT COPLEY PLACE

By the Boston Ballet Orchestra Maestro Jonathan McPhee
6PM, 617.931.2787

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FRIENDS OF COPLEY SQUARE TREE LIGHTING

Salvation Army Brass Band & The Salvation Army's Children Chorus
617.536.2101, 5PM

December

1

TREE LIGHTING

Boston Common, 5:30PM, 617.635.4505

2 - 4

MAYOR MENINO'S TROLLEY TOUR

617.635.3911

2 - 18

BLACK NATIVITY

This legendary Christmas event, the Black community's Christmas gift to the world, is without a doubt a theatrical wonderment.
Tremont Temple Hall, 617.585.6366 or 617.423.6000

Saturdays and Sundays

REINDEER GAMES

Interactive Activities for Children to enjoy Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617.523.1300

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HOLIDAY SING

Handel & Haydn Society
Symphony Hall, 617.266.3605

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MARCHE DE NOEL

Christmas Gifts with a French Flair
French Library, 53 Marlborough Street
10AM-5PM, 617.912.0400

3 & 10

HOLIDAY STROLL

Characters from Colonial Days in 18th Century Garb
The Freedom Trail Foundation, 11AM, 90-minute tours, 617.357.8300

3 & 4

HOLIDAYS AT THE REVERE'S HOUSE

Visit Paul Revere's House & enjoy holiday traditions with guided costume tours, 617.523.2338

15TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

Laboure Center of South Boston
Five Beautiful homes dressed for the Holidays
Twilight Tours and Day Tours, 617.268.9670

6

URBAN ASTRONOMY

Night skies in the city
Boston Nature Center, 7-8PM, 617.983.8500

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BEACON HILL HOLIDAY STROLL

Charles & Cambridge Streets, 5-9PM, 617.720-7888

6 - 8

KWANZAA WORKSHOP

Enjoy music from the Paige Academy Children's drum team while learning about the values of Kwanzaa
The Museum of Afro-American, 10:30AM, 617.725.0022

9 - 30

HOLIDAY POPS BOSTON POPS

Celebrate the Holiday season with one of Boston's finest traditions
Some concerts feature The Von Trapp Children
Symphony Hall, 617.266.1200

9 - 11

LITTLE WOMAN

This is a full production with student singers & orchestra
Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 617.824.8000

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FETE DE NOEL

Celebrate the Holidays with theme activities for Children and a special visit from Papa Noel with his bag full of treats
French Library, 53 Marlborough Street, call for price 617.912.0400

AN ABOLITIONIST CHRISTMAS

African inspired choral music is weaved into a popular ornament-making celebration honoring the first Abolitionist Christmas tree in Boston, 1834
Museum of Afro-American History, 617.725.0022

10 - 22

HOLIDAY POPS KIDS MATINEE

New this season-treat your family to a concert specially designed for children
Symphony Hall, 617.266.1200

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NORTH END CHRISTMAS PARADE

Santa Claus, 1PM, Puopolo Park
Parade following Santa's arrival, 617.635.5166

MESSIAH

Trinity Church, 7PM, 617.536.0944

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Old North Church
5PM, 617.523.6676

BILL RODGER'S JINGLE BELL RUN

Lansdowne Street, 5PM, 617.723.5612

BOSTON TEA PARTY 232ND ANNIVERSARY RE-ENACTMENT

Political activism is brought to life by the Old South Tea Party Players. The audience is encouraged to join in and cheer, Old South Meeting House, State Street, 617.482.6439

16 - 18

A CHRISTMAS CELTIC SOJOURN WITH BRIAN O'DONOVAN

Top talent from around the Celtic World re-creates the magic of an old-world Christmas
Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 617.824.8000

18 & 21

CHRISTMAS IN WALES

Handel & Haydn presents Classical Holiday Favorites
Jordan Hall at New England Conservatory, 617.266.3605

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MANGER SERVICE

Old North Church
4PM, 617.523.6676

25 - January 2

CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING

Boston Common, 617.424.1190
Monday, 26 - 5:15PM
Thursday, 29 2:30PM
Friday, 30 7:00PM
Saturday, 31 4:00PM
Sunday, 1 5:15PM

FIRST NIGHT FAMILY DAY AND CREATE-A-CREATURE WORKSHOP

Celebrate New Year's Eve by marching in the First Night Grand Procession
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Join the Aquarium to help create larger than life costumes & puppets. Reserve your space, 617.973.5206

28 - 1

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS PRINCESS CLASSICS

Travel to a kingdom Under the Sea, an Enchanted Palace in France and an Arabian Castle, for ticket information call 617.931.2000

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NEW YEAR'S EVE POPS CONCERT

Symphony Hall, 617.266.1200

FIRST NIGHT FAMILY FESTIVAL

Mr. Ray with Pop Rock for cool kids on the Kidstage
Performances and activities for kids of all ages, 1-5PM, 617.542.1399
First Night Button needed for all First Night events including The Hynes Convention Center

FIRST NIGHT 2006

30th Edition of a Great Boston Tradition
"The Spirit of New Orleans"
Grand Procession will reflect Gulf Coast theme
www.firstnight.org or 617.542.1399

January

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102ND ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY SWIM

L Street Swimming Club
South Boston, 617.635.5104

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NTD CHINESE NEW YEAR GLOBAL GALA

Experience the most authentic celebration of the Year of the Dog, Cutler Majestic Theatre, 617.824.8000

13 - 15

BOSTON HOME SHOW

Bayside Expo Center

TBA

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING OBSERVANCE

PRESENTED BY:
Mayor Thomas M. Menino
Faneuil Hall, 617.635.3911

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GIFT OF SONG

PRESENTED BY:
Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Target
Strand Theater, 7PM, 617.635.3911

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BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS CONCERT CELEBRATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

Listen to Children's voices soar in celebration
Jordan Hall, 617.585.1260

A FAMILY CONCERT CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Join Boston Symphony Youth Orchestra for a celebratory concert in honor of Dr. King. Including classical, spiritual & gospel music and readings of Dr. King's speeches by children. Afro-America History, 617.725.0022

26 - 29

FLAMENCO FESTIVAL

FEATURING
Noche Flamenco & Nuevo Ballet, World Music
Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 1.800.233.3123

28 - 29

15TH ANNUAL BOSTON WINE EXPO

The largest consumer wine event in the country
Seaport World Trade Center, 1.877.946.3976

February

TBA

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Lion Dancing Parade
617.338.6868

3 - 26

A LITTLE PRINCESS

A sudden change of fortune leaves Sara Crewe alone and penniless
Wheelock Family Theatre, 617.879.2300

15 - 26

DR. DOLITTLE "TALK TO THE ANIMALS"

Takes audience on an extraordinary adventure
Wang Center, 800.447.7400

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DJEMBE DEL L'ARTE

African Dance And Drums
JFK Presidential Library & Museum, Free for children with paying adults
Please call for reservation, 617.514.7646, 10:30AM

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MEMBERS OF BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FREE with Reservation
Twelfth Baptist Church, Roxbury, 617.938.9300

March

3 - 5

NATIONAL GOLF EXPO

Bayside Expo Center, 617.474.6200

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BOSTON MASSACRE RE-ENACTMENT

MA Council of Minutemen Militia
SPONSORED BY: Bostonian Society, Old State House
206 Washington Street, 7PM, 617.720.3290

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JFK AND IRELAND

This exciting new exhibit will explore John F. Kennedy's relationship to his ancestral homeland.
JFK Library & Museum, 866.JFK.1960

TBA

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

South Boston, 1PM, 617.635.3911

11 - 19

135TH NEW ENGLAND FLOWER SHOW

Celebrating our great New England landscaping
Bayside Expo Center, 617.933.4900 or www.masshort.org

April

7 - 14

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Wheelock Family Theatre, 671.879.2300

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LANTERN SERVICE

Celebrate the 231st Anniversary of the signal lanterns displayed from the church steeple warning of the British march to Lexington & Concord on the evening of April 18, 1775, Old North Church, 617.523.6676

RE-ENACTMENT OF PAUL REVERE'S ROW

Charlestown Navy Yard, 617.242.5652

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PATRIOTS' DAY

9AM Flag Raising followed by a Parade
10AM Re-enactment of Paul Revere's ride, Hanover Street, North End
10AM Re-enactment of William Dawes' Ride, Eliot Square, Roxbury

BOSTON MARATHON

26 miles, beginning in Hopkinton and ending at Boylston Street, Boston





*It gives me great pleasure
to welcome you to another
holiday season in the city.*

*Please join us throughout
the winter as Boston comes
alive with activities for everyone.*

*Happy Holidays and have
a healthy New Year!*

– THOMAS M. MENINO
MAYOR

November 27 January 1
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THE ENCHANTED VILLAGE

OPEN DAILY 10AM – 7PM
CHRISTMAS EVE 10AM – 5PM • (CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY)
NEW YEAR'S EVE 1 – 5PM
HYNES CONVENTION CENTER • BOYLSTON STREET • 617.635.3689

macy's
Enchanted Trolley Tour & Tree Lightings
December 2 – 4

Friday 2

5:30 WEST ROXBURY
Roche Family Center
6:15 READVILLE
Wolcott Square
6:45 MATTAPAN
Mattapan Square
7:15 DORCHESTER
Codman Square
7:45 DORCHESTER
Adams Corner

Saturday 3

2:30 JAMAICA PLAIN
JP Monument
3:15 JAMAICA PLAIN
Egleston Square
3:45 ROXBURY
Dudley Plaza
4:15 SOUTH END
BCA
5:00 BRIGHTON
Oak Square

Sunday 4

1:00 SOUTH BOSTON
West Broadway
1:45 CHINATOWN
Harrison & Beech
2:30 NORTH END
Paul Revere Mall
3:15 CHARLESTOWN
Thompson Square
4:00 EAST BOSTON
Central Square



For Information

Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events 617.635.3911
Greater Boston Visitor and Convention Center 617.536.4100
Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism 617.727.3201

Faneuil Hall Marketplace 617.523.1300
MBTA 617.222.3200
Children's Museum 617.426.8855
Institute of Contemporary Art 617.266.5152
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum 617.566.1401
John F. Kennedy Library & Museum 877.616.4599
Museum of Afro-American History 617.725.0022
Museum of Fine Arts 617.267.9300
Museum of Science 617.723.2500
New England Aquarium 617.973.5200
Old South Meeting House 617.482.6439
Paul Revere House 617.523.1676
Sports Museum of New England 617.624.1234
USS Constitution Museum 617.242.0543
Franklin Park Zoo 617.541.5466

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